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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Informal Agreement for the Absorption of Certain Construction Costs at Edwards AFB in Connection with Project AQUATONE Tenancy

1. At the time of my visit to Edwards AFB on 14 March 1957, and during the course of discussions with the principle staff personnel of that installation, the question of Project liability for certain constructions costs connected with the modification of the North Base at Edwards to meet our needs arose.

2. Prior to departing for Edwards, I had been instructed by Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr., Project Director, to state that Project AQUATONE would assume the responsibility for payment of those construction costs connected with our tenancy at Edwards which were incurred solely as a result of our particular requirements, and only in those instances where those requirements were in addition to those of ARDC's compatible research and development activities there.

3. Lt Colonel Leo P. Geary and I presented this line of reasoning to the senior staff at Edwards AFB and it was, I believe, thoroughly understood by all individuals present. The Agency was represented at this meeting [redacted] and myself. Lt Colonel Geary represented the Air Force Project office.

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4. Although I was not aware of this at the time, Mr. Bissell had authorized Lt Colonel Geary to indicate that the Project would also be responsible for those costs connected with the movement of Republic Aviation Corporation from the facilities which we desire to occupy to a temporary location on the main base at Edwards pending their occupancy of permanent quarters on or about 1 October 1957. This, Lt Colonel Geary did, although not in my presence.

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